THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Most of the Public Sector Banks (PSBs) have reported that there is no shortage of clerical staff. However, some of the PSBs have reported that there is some shortage and the concerned banks are taking steps to fill up the vacant posts by redepolyment, special recruitment drive for SCs and STs any by regular recruitment process.

Dearness allowance due to employees

1535 SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the extent to which additional dearness allowance and relief has become due to Central Government employees and pensioners *w.e.f.* 1st January. 2006;

(b) by when orders to that effect are likely to be issued?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) and (b) Dearness Allowance (DA)/ Dearness Relief (DR) to Central Government Employees/Pensioners is revised twice a year from 1st January and 1st July and normally payable with salary for the months of March and September respectively. The revised amount of DA/DR will be notified in due course.

Action against NBFCs

†1536. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any steps to check the fraud of non-banking financial companies;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the names of those non-banking companies who have cheated public during the last two years; and

(d) the action taken by Government so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) and (b) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) have not come across any frauds in Non-Banking Financial companies (NBFCs).

(c) During the last two years, the Bank has received complaints against 11 (eleven) NBFCs which have defaulted in maturity payments to the

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.